

DISTRICT MEN WHO HAVE JUST COME BACK FROM FRANCE



SERG. WILLIAM SIMMONS,
District artilleryman who kept war history of Battery D, Sixtieth Coast Artillery. The diary is published in The Times today.



Reading from left to right (bottom row)—Private C. H. Edmonston, 3621 K street northwest; Private Thomas Murphy, 345 K street northwest; Private William Collins, 1200 Euclid street northwest; Mechanic J. G. Bannister.
Second row—Wagoner R. A. Milburn, 926 Eighth street northwest; Private D. C. Bonnar, 521 Harvard street northwest; Private M. J. Lyons, 1328 Massachusetts avenue northwest; Private R. W. Becker, 47 Fairfield street.
Standing at top—Mess Sergt. R. A. Trail, 524 Fourteenth street northeast.



Here are the smiling faces of two Washington soldiers in Battery D waiting for their discharges at Fort Washington. They are back at the camp where Battery D was recruited a few months after the United States entered the war.

"DIAMOND T" NOT KNOWN TO VEEDER

"I have never received any information directly or indirectly from Mr. Tumulty," said Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift and Company, today, before the Senate Agricultural Committee. Veeder was testifying about the "Diamond T" letters and was sworn in by Chairman Gore. This is the first time a witness in the packer hearings has been sworn.

Veeder said he did not know who "Diamond T" was, but said it might mean Thomas Logan, the packer's confidential adviser in Washington.

"Did any of this information you received from Logan come from Mr. Tumulty, asked Senator Norris of Nebraska.

"No, it did not."

"Do you mean to tell me you don't know who this 'Diamond T' was?" queried Senator Norris.

"No, I don't know," answered Veeder.

Veeder said he only met Tumulty once; that was when he went out of curiosity to see the White House and to ask the President's secretary if he had been paid some money owed him by a Swift employee.

During the testimony it developed that Veeder had a file in his vault marked "Tumulty," which contained two letters referring to the money this Swift employee owed Tumulty. They had been written asking why this had not been paid. Francis J. Heney corroborated Veeder's testimony on this.

Never Lunched With Them.

Veeder stated that he never lunched with Tumulty and Logan.

"Well, Mr. Veeder, isn't it the truth that the real reason you employed Logan was the fact that he was in a position to get information you wanted, information in advance of the public?" asked Senator Kenyon, Iowa.

"Well I knew he was in the newspaper business," answered Veeder.

Veeder said he could not explain the notation, "Hurley," written on the "Diamond T" letter.

"Did you know that Logan was going abroad with Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board?" asked Senator Kenyon of Iowa.

"Not until after he went," replied Veeder.

In finishing his testimony, Veeder charged that the present Senate committee hearings were unfair and conducted by Heney in the interests of his clients, the Farmers' Union. Veeder pointed to an instance of the Federal Trade Commission's report where the strongest insinuation of a combination on the part of the packers was produced in a letter and where the packers' explanation was omitted.

Complete Government ownership would be "infinitely more acceptable" to Morris and Company, one of the "Big Five" packing concerns, than a law such as is proposed in the Kendrick bill, providing for Government licensing and regulation of the packing industry, Edward Morris, president of Morris and Company, told the committee, in vigorously opposing the Kendrick bill.

"I want to make the solemn prediction," Morris continued, "that if at any time this bill (the Kendrick bill) or anything like it, is enacted into law, the packing industry will be absolutely paralyzed and destroyed."

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List of Artillerymen Who Have Just Arrived Home From Overseas

Following is a complete list of Washington men in Battery D, Sixtieth Coast Artillery, just back from France, which is awaiting demobilization at Fort Washington:

Capt. D. H. Watson, United States Geodetic Survey.

Sergt. Maj. A. L. Straub, New Ebbitt Hotel.

Sergt. Maj. D. U. Rich, 1468 Clifton street northwest.

Sergt. Maj. H. E. Rupprecht, 1840 Park road northwest.

Supply Sergeant E. R. Lawson, 206 Thirteenth street northeast.

Sergeant H. C. McMullan, 1111 Fairmont street northwest.

Corporal W. R. Johnson, 1403 Newton street northwest.

Corporal T. C. Williams, 1211 North Capitol street.

Cook P. C. Martin, 1120 Fourteenth street southeast.

Cook P. C. Davis, 1250 Perry street northeast.

Private C. B. Cummings, 1803 Alabama avenue southeast.

Private H. E. Lawton, 1200 Rhode Island avenue northeast.

Private R. J. Anderson, 1640 G street northeast.

Private H. W. Jewell, Hospital at Camp Meade, N. J.

Sergt. H. H. Eubanks, 1428 Eleventh street northwest.

Sergt. J. R. Hoge, Seville apartments.

Sergt. J. S. English, 217 R street northwest.

Sergt. M. J. Mahoney, 710 Columbia road northwest.

Sergt. E. E. Miller, 2156 K street northwest.

Sergt. R. A. Trail, 524 Fourteenth street northeast.

Cook O. E. Frederick, 2404 Fourteenth street northwest.

Cook S. C. Hill, 2404 Fourteenth street northwest.

Cook E. S. Nash, 351 New Hampshire avenue northwest.

Private R. W. Becker, 47 Fairfield street.

Bugler F. K. Miller, Metrid Apartments.

BALFOUR CAN'T SEE PEACE BY APRIL 1

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The peace settlement need not wait for establishment of the League of Nations, inasmuch as it is not the league's business to determine the terms of peace, Foreign Secretary Balfour declared, in an interview with British and American correspondents.

Balfour said that no one could tell exactly when peace will be signed. Asked specifically if he thought it would be concluded by April 1, he replied that he believed that date was rather over-optimistic.

Against "Derelict Nation."

In reply to a question as to how Germany can pay indemnities if she is not allowed to recuperate her industries, he said that Germany's recuperation should not be at the expense of France and Belgium, but that "it is to nobody's interest that Germany should be a derelict nation."

Balfour said he believed the question of freedom of the seas will appear with organization of the League of Nations, under which all will enjoy that privilege except "bad-dit nations."

BURGULARS GET \$900 IN CASH FROM DRUGSTORE

J. Stanley Paick, manager of the "Christian drug store at Twelfth and S streets northwest, reported to the police today that burglars had entered the store during the past twenty-four hours and had stolen \$900 in cash and several Government checks from the safe.

Entrance to the store was gained by forcing the rear door.

TRANSPORTS REACH N. Y. WITH TROOPS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The transports Metaxa, Pasadena, and Duca Degli Abruzzi arrived here this morning with home-coming troops and nurses.

The Metaxa brought 119 nurses from the Presbyterian Hospital unit and five officers.

The Pasadena had twenty-three casualties and nine officers.

Aboard the Abruzzi were 194 officers and 1,452 men, mostly coast artillerymen.

The Leviathan, with 9,295 officers and men, is not expected to enter the bay until late this afternoon.

Other troop ships scheduled to arrive today included:

The U. S. S. Charleston, from Brest, with 54 officers and 1,196 regulars; the Hickman, from Bordeaux, with 31 men, 10 officers; the Woonsocket and Pelee, also from Bordeaux, with 11 officers and 167 men.

Those on the Abruzzi were the Forty-sixth Regiment coast artillery complete; detachments from the 164th field hospital corps of Ohio; the Twenty-fifth casual company from Utah and a number of marine casualties. The Forty-sixth regiment will be sent to Camp Dix, N. J.

BOLSHEVIK HOSTAGES ARE FREED BY ALLIES

Twenty-one Bolsheviki hostages, including some women, held by loyal Russians at Ufa to prevent depredations by the Bolsheviki, have been released on the protest of the allies, the State Department was informed today.

THE WAR DIARY OF A D. C. SOLDIER

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July 14—Arrived at Tours. Then to Bordeaux. Camped in pine woods on way.

July 24—Sent to Camp de Souge. Taught to use famous French 75's.

August 17—Called out to fight—but not the Huns. Was a forest fire. Some warm!

August 22—We got our guns at last. Everybody happy. They were 155's. Named mine Miss Liberty. Others were named "Old Dutch Cleanser," "Death's Knell."

September 8—Off for the front!

September —Reached Toul sector. Thousands of prisoners being brought in. Many air battles and raids by Boche fliers.

September 23—First time under fire. Have been to Jaillon, Boncoff, Beaundee, Neuville.

Sickly moon shining overhead. We advanced under heavy barrage. Continuous fire till September 25.

And here the District artillery officer got his first real taste of battle. It was on September 26 that, after a couple of hours' wait, we got orders to fire our first shot. It was sent toward the foe at 2 a. m. Most wonderful battle. Air nothing but powder. Infantry moved over top with "huzzah," bagging many prisoners. Relieved at 8 p. m. Heavy fighting all day.

September 27—Breakfast. Then a trip to the German lines. They left in haste. Watched all day; went to guns at 7:30 p. m., and firing let up a little.

September 28—Germans retreating. Spent night under fire. Slept—or rather tried to sleep—under fifty feet of ground. Varennes was shelled. First of peace rumors reach us.

October 13—Started to move guns up to keep pace with Hun retreat. Passed Claumont, Florille and—

"Corporal Cooley suddenly falls. He is dead. Placed guns in advanced firing positions."

Corp. Vincent G. Cooley lived on Sargent road, in Brookland. His wife, Mrs. V. G. Cooley, was notified on November 17 of her husband's death. Before he enlisted in July, 1917, Cooley was employed in the Patent Office. He was rated as an expert gunner.

October 15—Never shall I forget this day. I went to sleep in a dugout. A high-explosive shell hit it. The Lord alone must have saved me. Gas all around. Doctor said I got my share of it. Sent to hospital for two days.

October 27—Germans began to shell our positions heavily. I replied with "Miss Liberty." Barrage opened at 3:30 a. m. Lasted until noon. Then we started for Four-veil and Courney. Some Hun saw me and began throwing shells in my general direction. His aim was bad. Then we reached San Janvrin, which is near Grand Pre.

November 7—Germans running too fast for the artillery. Raced to Buzoney and Sommanthe. Saw many French refugees.

November 11—"Hooray." Armistice signed. We start back over course.

November 20—Had cootie bath today. Troops in 42d division passed us all day, en route to Germany.

December 30—Reached Brest. This is supposed to be a rest camp, but we are doing two days' fatigue work every twenty hours. Hope to be home soon.

TO RESTORE NAVY PROGRAM IN BILL

The Daniels bigger navy program, which was knocked out of the naval appropriation bill yesterday on a point of order, will be restored to the measure when the House adopts the special rule, reported today by the House Rules Committee, permitting this procedure.

DISABLED STEAMER SENDS OUT SOS

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 11.—S. O. 3, which was received early today from the Steamer Kwara of the Elder, Dempster and Company Line, reported disabled 300 miles southwest of the Scilly islands.

The Kwara is a steel steamer of 5,816 tons, built in 1919.

D. C. Boys of Battery D Will Be Discharged In Time For Great Parade

The first troops of the sixtieth coast artillery, awaiting demobilization at Fort Washington, to receive discharges, will be the Washington boys in Battery D.

Officers in charge of the returned artillerymen, who reached Washington last Sunday night, after more than a year of service in France, prepared today to cut red tape in hastening the discharge of the men. The first to be released will be sent to their homes here within a week and after that discharges will be rapid.

The District heroes who returned to the Capital Sunday night, unheralded, are billeted in two large barracks on the heights beyond the fort, twelve miles from Washington. Their only thought today is to get back home.

One hundred German helmets are stuffed into the packs of the returned District warriors. French coins, souvenir post cards, snap shots, pictures of French maidens and Hun revolvers make up the rest of the collection the Washington boys collected in France.

Not a single District boy took a French bride, but Capt. Winthrop M. Allen, who was the battery commander until wounded in action at Cornay, was married to a French girl. He is not with this unit of returned troops.

Captain Watson In Command.

Battery D is now commanded by Capt. Dallas H. Watson, First Lieut. Scott L. McCartney, Leslie J. Scott and Joseph H. Anderson, and Second Lieut. Robert N. Bruce.

"We are sure glad to be back," is what you hear when you visit Fort Washington.

Everywhere can be seen the smiling faces of men back from France.

The heroes of St. Mihiel, the Argonne and the Meuse are now in the barracks enjoying a well-earned rest.

One doughboy remarked: "Let me tell you, the Germans are not quitters, they are real fighters. Incidentally, we had no infantry to back us up in several of our engagements, so a part of our unit engaged as infantry. And when we started, the infantry borrowed our trucks to keep up with the retreating Germans. We met some resistance on Hill 204. After defeating one unit, we placed our guns in the open without shelter."

SOLDIER-HEIR IS DEAD IN FRANCE

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100,000 by an uncle who died in California last March. This was while he was at Camp Meade. When asked about the money he said he was told that all he wanted was a wife to have it to if he didn't come back and to make him happy if he did.

Immediately hundreds of letters began pouring in by girls who were willing to become Mrs. Compier. Three girls wrote suggesting that he select one of them to marry and take her other two into his household. The girls of St. Mary's College, Kewanee, Wis., "spoiled their charms" and offered them to him.

The sudden departure of the seventy-ninth division for France cut an end to his matrimonial deliberations and nothing has been heard from him until the news of his death reached the Maryland cantonment.

Compier was twenty-five years old and lived at Rockville. He was formerly a bellhop and a street car conductor, rising to the position of inspector where he was on duty at "Moon Station." He lived in California until seventeen years old, when his family moved to Washington.

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The poisonous gas will be dumped somewhere in the Atlantic off the Chesapeake capes.

UNKISSED BRIDE PEEVED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—Because he refrained from kissing before marriage, the bride of a year was glad. Because he refrained since, she is sad.

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